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MEMORANDUM FOR Beverly A. Cook

Assistant Secretary for Environmental, Safety and Health, EH-1

FROM:

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on 1/26/05
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SUBJECT:

Annual National Environmental Policy Act Planning Summary for the
Albany Research Center (FY2005)

As requested by the direction of DOE Order 451.1B, Change 1, the Albany Research Center (ARC) provides the following FY2005 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary:

1. Status of On-Going NEPA Planning Activities – All ARC activities are reviewed for NEPA compliance in accordance with DOE Order 451.1B, Change 1, and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1021 (10 CFR § 1021), *NEPA Implementing Procedures*, with support from the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). At present, there are several ARC actions planned in FY2005 that will likely require NEPA review. However, it is expected that all of these NEPA reviews can be categorically excluded and therefore, none will require NEPA-mitigated actions.
2. Planned Environmental Assessments (EAs) – There are no EAs planned for the next 12 months at ARC.
3. Planned Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) – There are no EISs planned for the next 24 months at ARC.
4. Planned Costs/Schedules for NEPA Activities – Based on existing plans, there are no expected FY2005 preparation costs (for DOE HQ) or any specific schedules in place for NEPA activities at ARC.
5. Site-Wide EIS Applicability – Due to the nature of research projects at ARC, ARC does not believe that a site-wide EIS would facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Albany Research Center ES&H Manager Hector M. Rodriguez, at 541-967-5916.

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